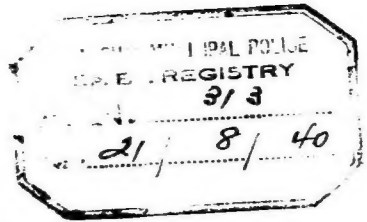


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**TWO PERSONS KIDNAPPED FROM PARAMOUNT
BALLROOM BY ARMED MEN WHO USED HANDGUNS.**

Information has now been received at this station that early in the morning of 19-8-40, Mr. G.C. Wu telephoned to his room at the Pacific Hotel, and ordered his trunks to be sent to 55 Jossfield Road (This is a branch of the organization at 75 Jossfield Road).

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TWO PERSONS KIDNAPPED FROM PARAMOUNT BALLROOM
BY ARMED MEN WHO USED HANDCUFFS.

At 11.15 p.m. 18/8/40, Mr. Tsoong Tuh Ching (), manager of the Paramount Ballroom, Yu Yuen Road, came to the station and reported that four men, all armed with pistols, and carrying handcuffs, had come into the Ballroom, gone up to a table near the entrance, and attempted to take into custody the four persons who were sitting there.

Mr. Tsoong said he had run out as soon as he saw what was taking place, and thought the party might still be there.

A party under Insp. Curtis at once attended, but on arrival, the armed men had already gone, taking with them only two of the persons.

It appears that the armed men left in a hurry, fearing intervention by the Police, for they had handcuffed the two persons they left behind.

The two persons, Mr. Nien Tsung (), chemist, employed by the Tien Choo (天祿) Paint Factory, Sun Ka Au () village, off Yu Yuen Road, and living at 602/66 Yu Yuen Road, and Mr. Wang Choo Tsung (), export merchant, 239/13 Avenue Road, were asked to come to this station when they gave the following story:-

Mr. C.C. Wu (吳子雲), formerly an engineer in the Shanghai Telephone Co., formerly Chief Engineer, Park Hotel, Room 602, Pacific Hotel, 81 Wall Road.

Mr. Zau Vang Ping (趙文平), Tel. No. 81682, further particulars unknown.

Dr. Zung Tsoeng Chi (鍾德基), office at Hardeen Bldg.

and two females, believed to be dancing girls, and friends of Mr. Zau, took dinner at the Zoh Yee Chuen (蘇怡園) Restaurant, Kwangse Road.

They went at the invitation of Mr. C.C. Wu who called them by telephone.

At dinner, no particular subject was discussed, and Mr. Zau suggested they go on to the Paramount.

Mr. Zau, accompanied by Mr. C.C. Wu and the two dancing girls, drove off in Mr. Zau's car, license number unknown, with a chauffeur at the wheel.

Dr. Zung went home, saying he was tired, and the two females had asked to be escorted home.

Mr. Zau and Mr. Wu arrived first at the Paramount Ballroom, Mr. Nien and Mr. Wong arriving later at 11 o'clock, as they had travelled by motor bus.

They took a table near the entrance, ordered drinks, and had been sitting down for about five

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to ... on Mr. Zau, Mr. C.C. Wu, Mr. Biau and Mr.
Wong.

However, the four armed men began to get nervous,
and went out with only Mr. Zau and Mr. C.C.Wu.

It is probable that the armed men drove away with
their captives in Mr. Zau's car, for both the car and
the chauffeur have disappeared from outside the Para-
mount Ballroom.

The Telephone Directory give the particulars of
Mr. Zau as

V. P. Zau (趙文林),
613/42 Ave. Jeffre.

A telephone call was put through, but the person
at the other end, a servant, could give no information.
He did not know the number of his master's car.

Mr. Biau and Mr. Wong state they can give no
reason whatsoever for the affair. Mr. Zau they
believed, was formerly a member of the National Govern-
ment. Mr. C.C. Wu arrived in Shanghai about a month
ago from Hong Kong. They know nothing of his activi-
ties.

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The description of the four armed men is:-

All aged, all young men,
all wearing khaki short pants,
Shanghai dialect.

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TWO PERSONS KIDNAPED FROM PARAMOUNT BALLROOM
BY ARMED MEN WHO USED HANDGUNS.

Motor car, licence No. 7029, the property of Mr. V.P. Zan, has been located. It was seen outside the Paramount at 2 a.m. 19/8/40. The chauffeur Tsang Lee Sung (H.C. 1), permit No. 19031 states that he drove his master, accompanied by another man and a woman (this would be Mr. C.C. Wu and one of the dancing girls) to the Paramount Ballroom. Later, he took the car west along Yu Yuen road and took dinner. He then drove the car back to the Paramount and awaited the arrival of his master.

The chauffeur denies that he saw his master leave the Ballroom, and when brought to the station was under the impression his master was still inside.

Mr. V.P. Zan, the chauffeur states, is a Customs broker, with offices at 300 French Road.

The chauffeur and the car have been detained at this station pending further instructions.

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It was ascertained that
Mr. [redacted] is an agent attached to 76 Jessfield Road
and that [redacted] was arrested on instructions of
[redacted] on suspicion of being a member of an
assassination group which recently arrived from
Chungking via Hongkong.

John C. [redacted]
Det. Inspector

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August 19, 1946.

Morning Translation

National Herald, Chinese-American Daily News, Shun Pao, Sin Wan Pao :-

Two Men Kidnapped From Paramount Ballroom

At 12.15 a.m. to-day, while four men were sitting at a table in the Paramount Ballroom on Yu Yuan Road, four armed male Chinese entered and handcuffed two of the men, stating that they had been ordered to effect their arrest. The two men were then taken to a waiting motor car which drove away immediately. The remaining two guests then made a report to Bubbling Well Police Station.

According to information secured by our reporter, the two abducted men are Zau Wen-Ping (張文平), residing at House 42, Passage 613, Avenue Joffre, who was formerly a politician, and the other is Woo (吳), an engineer, residing at Room No. 209, Golden Gate Hotel (金門大酒店), Bubbling Well Road. The names of the other two guests are Wong Chien-chong (王健忠) and Pi Cheng (皮成), friends of the abducted men.

The Police are conducting an investigation into the affair.

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